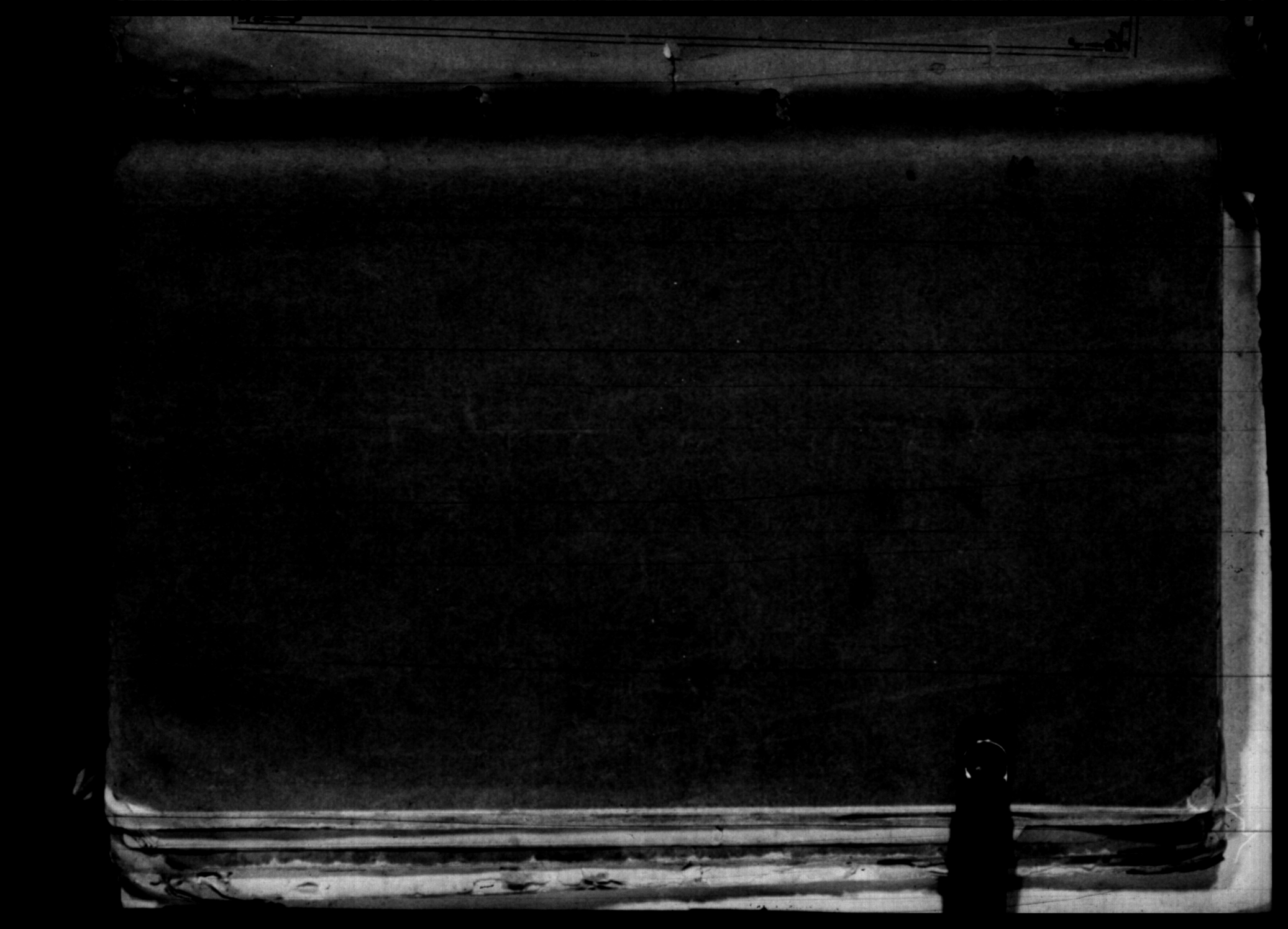

Twelfth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Calhoun Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

MACEDONIA CHURCH,

CALHOUN COUNTY, MISS.

Commencing Sept. 23, 1887.

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FIRST DAYS PROCEEDINGS.

Friday, September 23rd. 1887.

The Calhoun Baptist Association met this day in its twelfth annual session with the brethren at Macedonia, Calhoun county, Miss. The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, by Eld. J. R. Sumner. Text: 1st Cor., 10th chap. and latter clause of the 31st verse —"Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." After an intermission of one hour for refreshments, the delegates assembled in the house.

The former Moderator not being present, the Association was called to order by the former Clerk, and, on motion, Bro. J. W. Murff was chosen to preside as Moderator, preparatory to permanent organization. Brethren J. L. Lyon and J. A. Killingsworth were appointed reading Clerks.

The Names of Delegates Enrolled.

Antioch, Calhoun—J M Williams, J D Coker.
Antioch, LaFayett—G W Riley, J P S Powell.
Concord—Lee Linder, T J McIntyre.
Driver's Flat—M H Martin.
Elam—W Gumm, John Mullins.
Friendship—B H Landreth.
Hopewell, Pontotoc—H E Brumett.
Hopewell, Yalobusha—J P Graves, J T Waters.
Liberty—Samuel Wilkins.
Meridian—M C Striblin, J D Murphree.
Mt. Comfort—James Rich, J M Hastings, J W Stillman.
Mt. Moriah—Benjamin Davis.
Macedonia, Yalobusha—J A Wells.
Gaston Springs—C B Pilgreen, J D Collins, L E Lucas.
New Liberty—B H Mooneyham, J G Lester, A Stroup.
New Prospect—G H Hannaford, J M Boyd.
Poplar Springs—G W Murff, W G Hardin, John Morgan.
Pittsboro—T H Smith, J L Lyon, J A Killingsworth.
Pilgrims Rest, Yalobusha—J P Wilson, H W Langham.
Pilgrims Rest, Calhoun—N Cannon, G D Collum.
Providence—J T Roane.
Pleasant Ridge—S J Box.
Pleasant Grove—M B Hardin.
Shiloah—R M Anderson.
Spring Creek—W G Morehead.
Turkey Creek—A A Brunner, Terry Box.

Dividing Ridge, Hebron, London Hill, Mt. Tabor, New Hope, (Calhoun) New Hope, (Pontotoc), and Pine Grove were not represented.

The Association proceeded to ballot for officers. Brethren S. J. Box and J. R. Sumner were appointed tellers, who reported the election of Elder T. H. Smith as Moderator and the re-election of L. W. Harrelson as Clerk.

The Association then joined Eld. W. G. Morehead in prayer.

Call for Petitionary Letters.

One was presented by Hopewell church, and one by Macedonia church, both from Yalobusha county, which, on motion, were duly received in full fellowship by this Association.

Call for Correspondence.

Eld. J. T. Christian representing the Convention Board, Eld. J. R. Sumner from Aberdeen Association, Elders J. P. Thompson, T. H. Wilson, M. C. Allen and Bro. J. A. Cox from the Zion Association, who were duly received by the Moderator on behalf of the Association.

Permanent Resolution.

RESOLVED, That any member of this Association, who is present at any Association or body with which we are in correspondence, be authorized to act as our messenger to said Association or body, upon presentation of a minute or other satisfactory evidence of this Association, and that this be a standing resolution until repealed by this body.

Committees.

On motion Bros. James Rich, L W Preddy, and J W Stillman, with the deacons of Macedonia church, were appointed a Devotional Committee.

On State Missions—J A Killingsworth, A A Bruner, J W Stillman,
On Foreign Missions—G W Riley, J P Wilson, M H Martin.
On Education—J A Cox, G W Murff, M B Hardin.
On Sabbath Schools—W G Morehead. Asa. Langston, G H Hannaford.
On Finance—J H Powell, B H Landreth, C B Pilgreen.
On Mississippi College—J R Sumner, S E Wallace, L W Preddy.
On Temperance—J L Lyon, James Rich, Terry Box.
On Nominations—J D Collins, N Cannon, A Stroup.
On Publications—J D Therrell, J L Lyon, J A Killingsworth.

The Devotional Committee reported Elder M. C. Allen to preach Friday night, Eld. J. T. Christian Saturday at eleven o'clock, Eld. W. G. Morehead at night, Eld. J. P. Thompson Sunday at ten o'clock, Eld. J. T. Christian at eleven o'clock, and Eld. T. H. Wilson at night.

On motion the Association adjourned until eight o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld. J. A. Killingsworth.

Second Day---Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator presiding. Prayer by Eld. W. G. Morehead.

On motion a special committee was appointed on Ministerial Support, to-wit: G. H. Hannaford, J. L. Lyon and A. A. Bruner.

Report of Committees.

Bro. Sumner read the report upon Mississippi College, which was discussed by Bros. Sumner, Christian, Cox, Thompson, Wilson, Riley and Smith, pending which a collection of $4.90 was taken up, after which the report was adopted as follows:

Thirty seven years ago Mississippi College became a Baptist institution. Since that time it has accomplished much for the denomination and the country generally. It is sending out influences for good which are not surpassed by any other institution. Last session there were 220 pupils, fifty of whom were preparing themselves for the work of the ministry, and twenty are sons of ministers, all of whom get their tuition free. And this is why the College is not self-sustaining, hence the denomination is called upon for their contributions.

This influence of the College has helped every Baptist interest in the land. There were nine graduates sent out at the close of the last session, who will take important positions in the world. The College needs an endowment fund, which could be easily raised if each of the 975 churches in the Convention territory would do its duty in the matter. Brethren, may God help all of you to do your whole duty to your school.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. SUMNER, Chairman.

Adjourned for preaching.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Allen Bruner. Eld. J. A. Killingsworth read the report on State Missions, which was discussed by Bros. Thompson, Christian, Riley, Preddy, Sumner, Wilson and Smith, after which the report was adopted as follows:

The territory that is embraced in this work is Mississippi and that portion of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River. This work is managed by the Convention Board, who are selected by the Baptist State Convention. During last year there were fifty-six missionaries employed by the Board. Some for all, and some for only a part of their time. Days of service, 4711; miles traveled, 40,704; sermons preached, 2,546; prayer meetings attended, 851; families visited, 5,920; baptized, 753; by letter, 370; restored, 27; churches organized, 8; Sunday Schools, 33; officers, teachers and scholars in same, 1,844; Sunday School addresses, 336; pages of tracts distributed, 36,417; money collected for personal services, $2,719.80; for State Missions, $1,097.57; for other purposes, $1,873.36. Built eight houses of worship, commenced thirteen, and repaired eight. Now brethren this is a summary of the work accomplished by our Missionaries the last Conventional year. We find that there has been more Missionary zeal manifested than ever before. Should we heed the cry? How can we refuse when the cry comes to us and says "help?"

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. KILLINGSWORTH, Chairman.

On motion of Bro. Riley, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, as an Association, turn over our missionary and colporteur work into the hands of the Convention Board, asking them to cooperate with our Executive Board in the employment of a missionary and colporteur to labor in our bounds during the incoming Associational year.

Brother Riley read the report on Foreign Missions, which was discussed by brothers Riley, Christian, Smith and Wilson, and adopted.

We have fifty missionaries; twenty men and thirty women in foreign fields.

Number of church members in Mexico, 350; in Brazil, 175; in Italy, 306; Africa, 138; in China, 577. Total, 1,546. Increase during the year, 149. Some of these churches are partly self-sustaining. Our missionaries are doing a noble work; yet they fall far short of filling the demand. In answer to the prayers of His people, God has opened every port to the gospel. The demand now is not for men, but for money. Last year Mississippi contributed $4,000. However, the Calhoun Association has done but very little. We recommend that pastors bring these matters before their churches, and encourage our people to go forward.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. RILEY, Chairman.

On motion, the Association adjourned to half-past 8 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by brother J. L. Lyon.

The Sabbath exercises were conducted as set forth by the committee. Elders Thompson and Christian preached excellent sermons to a large and attentive audience, and it is hoped that much good was done.

Monday Morning Session.

The Association met and was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by brother Asa Langston.

The committee on Sabbath schools submitted the following, which was adopted:

Your committee would respectfully report that there are but few Sabbath schools in the bounds of our Association. God in His wisdom has given to us those "precious jewels," our children, who have souls to be saved in glory, or forever lost world without end. It depends upon their parents, to some extent, as to their eternal salvation. God commands us to bring them up in the way they should go, this neglect of ours in not providing them with opportunities to train their tender minds in the paths of duty, and obedience should urge us to redouble our efforts for Sabbath schools.

There is no scriptural command for Sabbath schools, but God has given us these charges and commands us to bring them up and we know of no better way to reach their tender minds than in a good Sabbath school, and may God put it into our minds to work for him.

Respectfully submitted, W. G. Morehead, Chairman.

The special committee on Ministerial support, submitted the following, which was discussed by brethren G. H. Hannaford, G. M. Murff, J. L. Lyon, Asa Langston, James Rich, T. H. Smith, T. H. Wilson. The report was then adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Ministerial Support, beg leave to report that this all important matter is to a great extent neglected within the bounds of our Association. Brethren, let us get up some system in this matter, but let it conform to the Bible according to the command of the Mosaic custom—the gift was one-tenth—and in all of the late commands the gospel should be borne equally; hence, we, your committee, recommend a system to be adopted in our churches by which all should bear a part in this glorious work. Would the churches be willing after fixing in conferences the amount she intends to pay her pastor, each member render in the valuation of their property and annual income to their deacons, let the amount fixed then be divided so that each member will pay in proportion to what the Lord has blessed him or her semi-annually to their pastor? none can then say, I have done more than another. This will be an equal bearing of the gospel. We will go to our churches and continue to advocate this equal system of bearing the gospel until each church in our Association have adopted it.

Respectfully submitted, G H. Hannaford, Chairman.

Adjourned for refreshments.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met and was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by the moderator.

Report on Education read and adopted as follows:

Your committee on Education would report: We regret the indifference of some of our people on this important subject. We need not urge the importance of Education, we all realize it. Then, as we know our duty, let us faithfully discharge the same. Let us encourage our common school system and co-operate with our teachers, and thus secure a good foundation upon which to erect our educational structure. Having the element well taught, then let us encourage a higher development by sending our children to the various high schools in the bounds of our Association. When we find a worthy young man who feels a call to the ministry, let us encourage him and aid him to attend Mississippi College, thus we can do much good and secure the permanent prosperity of ourselves and our posterity. We hope our brethren will look well to this important matter, and in the future let us do our whole duty toward the education of our children.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. Cox, Chairman.

Report on Temperance read and adopted as follows:

"When we ask what is, and has been the great curse of the [illegible] must answer, "the excessive use of strong drink." Brethren, we [illegible] mit that the saloon fosters this vice to the greatest extent, and [illegible] curse upon our race. It is in the saloon that the habit of drunkenness is formed, as also idleness, vice and all kinds of immorality. It is from them that law-breaking occurs; yea, murder comes from such a place. How may, Oh, how may deeds of shame and depravity have their origin and development in these places of infamy, and we believe that the traffic in strong drink is a crime in the sight of God, and we hope that the day is not far distant when it will be considered a crime in the eyes of the civil law; hence, we regard it the duty of Christians to use all moral and legal methods to speedily put an end to the perpetration of wrongs of this degrading character. The church should take high ground on this all important question and firmly maintain it." Respectfully submitted, J. L. LYON, Chairman.

The report on Publications was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Publications, first of all recommend the continuous and systematic study of the Bible, the revealed will of God. We also recognize the fact that the circulation and study of sound religious literature is a potent factor in the growth of Christianity, and it is with profound gratitude that we are enabled to say that such literature is accessible to every Baptist in the land. Hence we recommend the Southern Baptist Record, whose columns, in part, are presided over by Eld J B Gambrell, and we hope the day is not far distant when this valuable journal will find its way into the house of every Baptist within the bounds of our State Convention. We also commend and earnestly appeal to our Baptist people to make more special efforts in the circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal, also the Heathen Helper. We also recommend to our Sabbath Schools, "Kind Words." Brethren, see to it that sound, wholesome literature is placed in the hands of your children, which will lead them to the Lamb that taketh away the sin of the world.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. THERRELL, Chairman.

The committee on Finance submitted their report, which was adopted,

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to submit that we have received $30.75 for minutes and $2.00 for Associational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. POWELL, Chairman.

The Executive Board submitted the following report:

We, your Executive Board, would respectfully report, That we employed Elder L. W. Preddy as Missionary and Colporteur, to labor in the bounds of the Association, who was to devote three-fourths of his time to the work, reserving the pastorial care of two churches. Your board agreeing to pay Bro. Preddy $280.00 for his services. Bro. Preddy reported to your Board that he served 159 days; traveled 1795 miles; preached 180 sermons; visited 375 families; conducted 17 prayer meetings; baptized 17, assisted in nine protracted meetings, and constituted one new church, sold one bible, three testaments, and thirty-two copies of other books. Collected from the churches and individuals, $71.70, and on books sold belonging to the Association, $7.20, making a total of $78.90.

By mutual consent the work will be discontinued. Balance due on contract $109.00. Respectfully submitted,

A. A. BRUNNER, Pres't.
By L. W. HARRELSON, Sec'y.

Report on Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations would respectfully recommend that Eld. W. G. Morehead preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting, and Eld. G. W. Riley as Alternate. For Executive Board, Brethren T. V. Hunt, A. A. Brunner and J. P. S. Powell, together with the Moderator and Clerk of this Association.

Respectfully submitted, J. D COLLINS, Chairman.

Motions and Resolutions.

On motion, the time of meeting was changed from Friday to Thursday, and that Eld. G. W. Riley be appointed to preach a Missionary Sermon on Sunday at our next meeting, Elder T. H. Smith alternate.

Resolved That the churches send up a detailed report on Sabbath Schools at our next meeting.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and the distribution of the minutes, and that he retain $10 for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to Macedonia church, and to the community around, for the hospitality displayed in the entertainment of the members of this body.

After singing a hymn and giving the parting hand, and prayer by Elder J. R. Sumner, on motion the Association adjourned, to meet with the brethren at Turkey Creek church, six miles west of Banner, Calhoun county, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1888.

T. H. SMITH, Moderator.

L. W. HARRELSON, Clerk.

Synopsis of the Northern District.

Holds its next annual meeting at Mt. Comfort church, Calhoun county, Mississippi, on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1888. Elder R. K. Webb to preach the Introductory Sermon. Text: 1st. Cor. 3rd chap., 11-15th verses, Elder G. W. Riley alternate. At night, Eld. er Joseph Griffin. Text: 1st John, 19th chap. 26th verse, Eld. W. G. Morehead alternate. Saturday at 11 o'clock, Eld. G. C. Goodwin. Text: Luke 22nd chap., 31-32nd verses, Elder Lee Linder alternate.

ESSAYS.

1st. Is the flesh affected as changed in the work of regeneration?—Elder L. C. Hicks.
2nd. On Faith—Elder G. W. Riley.
3rd. On the necessity of Sabbath Schools—Bro. W. S. Lanford.
4th. On the duty of pastors to the church—Bro. A. B. Henderson.

QUERIES.

1st. Has the church the scriptural right to exclude a member for non-attendance on Saturday?
2nd. Did Judas ever preach the gospel.
3rd. Was the baptism of John from Heaven, or was it of men?

ELDER LEE LINDER, Moderator.

W. S. LANFORD, Clerk.

Synopsis of the Southern District.

To meet with Meridian Baptist church, seven miles northeast from Pittsboro, on Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1888. To preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. T. H. Smith. Eld. L. W. Preddy, alternate.

ESSAYS.

1st. Church discipline—Eld. J. A. Killingsworth.

2nd. Does conversion and regeneration signify the same thing in the bible, and is the flesh affected in the work of conversion and regeneration?—Bro. J. L. Lyon.

3rd. On the final preservation of the saints—Bro. L. W. Harrelson.

4th. On predestination and election—Eld. T. H. Smith.

QUERIES.

1st. Can a man do anything towards securing his own salvation? If so, what is it?

2nd. Has the church the right to discipline a brother who refuses to contribute to the support of his church and pastor, in proportion as the Lord has blessed him?

3rd. What should be done with a minister who, having been called to the ministry, and afterwards abandons it for other avocations?

4th. Is it right for a minister to go forth to preach the gospel, while his family is left at home in destitution?

ELDER L. W. PREDDY, Moderator.

J. L. LYON, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICE.
Bratton, Thos.	Pittsboro
Griffin, Joseph	Sarepta
Goodwin, G C	Air-Mount
Killingsworth, J A	Pittsboro
Linder, Lee	Banner
Lanford, P	"
Murphree, C E	Loyd
Preddy, L W	Pittsboro
Morehead, W G	Banner
Pritchards, G C	Sarepta
Riley, G W	"
Smith, T H	Pittsboro
Trusty, J W	Vann's Mills
Wallace, S E	Pittsboro
Webb, R K	Banner
Wilson, W M	Sarepta
Wilkins, Samuel	Water Valley

LICENTIATES:

House, W D	Paris
Hubbard, J S	Pittsboro
Striblin, M C	"
Winter, J W	Sarepta
Young, J H	"

CHURCHES.	County	Post office	Pastors.	Clerks	Days meet	Baptized	Recd by Let	Dis by Let	Restoration	Excluded...	Deaths	Total	For Minutes	
Antioch.....	Calhoun ...	Banner..	T H Smith.....	A E Henry.....	1	1	3				1	50	1	15
Antioch.....	Lafayett ...	Sarepta	G W Riley.....	J B Phillips.....	1	5	2			3		43	1	00
Concord.....	Calhoun ...	Banner	Lee Linder.....	W F Ellard.....	3	17	13	12	2	2	1	90	1	80
Driver's Flat.....	Calhoun ...	Paris	W G Morehead.....	W M Martin..	3	8	5	10	2	1	1	64	1	00
Elam.....	Yalobusha	Coffeeville	G C Goodwin	H P Pate.....	3	4	1	8		1		50	1	50
Friendship.....	Calhoun ...	Cherry Hill.....	M C Allen.....	T J Kellum.....	1			6			1	86		60
Gaston Springs	Calhoun ..	Pittsboro.....	T H Smith	M V Reagan	2	4		7		1	1	60	1	00
Hopewell..	Pontotoc...	Sarepta	Joseph Griffin	A C Young.....	3	8	3	8		2		64		80
Hopewell	Yalobusha	Coffeeville....	J C Brandon	J S Lyle	4	7	10					17		75
Liberty	Yalobusha	Water Valley.....	G C Goodwin.....	J M Woods.....	1	4	13	12		2		45		75
Maridian.....	Calhoun ...	Pittsboro	S E Wallace	S C Patterson	3		2	4				27	1	00
Mt Comfort.....	Calhoun ...	Pittsboro	S E Wallace.....	W E Rich	2	18	4	1				71	1	00
Mt Moriah.....	Calhoun ...	Pittsboro	T G Bratton.....	W J Crocker	3	7	1	6		1	2	67		35
Macedonia	Calhoun ..	Pittsboro	T H Smith.....	J H Powell.....	3	4	3	7		4	4	137	1	00
Macedonia	Yalobusha	Pine Valley.....	Lee Linder.....	T J Carr	3			4	1	1		29	1	00
New Liberty.....	Calhoun ...	Pittsboro..	S E Wallace.....	A Stroup.....	4	24	3	3	2	1	3	120	2	00
New Prospect.....	Chickasaw	Houlkey.....	G C Pritchards.....	J M Boyd.....	4		4	5		6		19		60
Poplar Springs ..	Calhoun ...	Reids.....	L W Preddy...	I M Knox.....	2	2		6				93	2	00
Pittsboro	Calhoun ...	Pittsboro	M C Allen.....	L W Harrelson.....	4			1			1	27		
Pilgrim's Rest...	Yalobusha	Air Mount.....	L W Preddy.....	A W Langham....	4	5	10	11		1	3	79	2	00
Pilgrim's Rest ..	Calhoun ...	Sarepta.....	G C Pritchards.....	J P Vines.....	2	4	5	1		1		86		75
Providence.	Lafayett ..	Banner..	R K Webb	A J Head.....	2	5		7		3		89		60
Pleasant Ridge ..	Calhoun ...	Sarepta	G W Riley.....	J D Berry.....	1	15	8	6				87	1	65
Pleasant Grove	Chickasaw	Cherry Hill.....	L W Preddy.....	A H Lowery.....	1	3		2				53		45
Rocky Mount.....	Calhoun ...	Loyd..	E McGregor.....	J S Winter..	1	7	4	8	1		4	79		70
Sarepta.....	Calhoun ...	Sarepta	G W Riley.....	J M Thornton.....	3		2	1		3		25	1	10
Shiloah	Calhoun ...	Cole's Creek.....	.....	R M Anderson	1	11				1			1	60
Spring Creek.....	Calhoun ...	Banner	Lee Linder.....	W S Lanford..... ...	4	14	8	7			2	124	2	00
Turkey Creek..	Calhoun ...	Pine Valley	H L Johnson	H C Newman.....	2	9	7	7	2		1	95	1	25
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Membership not represensented, had at last report.....														
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